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Singer Joe McDermott to perform children's songs at Abilene library



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Abilene Public Library

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Joe McDermott knew as a 3-year-old that he wanted to be a musician.

"I never had any doubt about what I wanted to do," he said in a phone interview from Austin.

It's fitting that the adult McDermott now writes and sings for an audience in that very demographic.

McDermott will play at 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday as the first performer in the Young Audiences of Abilene/Abilene Public Library Summer Library Season.

He didn't exactly plan on a career as a children's music star.

"Doing music for kids happened so organically," McDermott said. "I started as a teacher."

Summer is a busy time for McDermott who visits a lot of libraries and performs at various events.

Kids are drawn to the lively music, the fun lyrics and McDermott's animated performance.

His songs include "Don't Drop a Brick on Your Foot," "Baby Kangaroo," "I Got Stuck in an Elevator" and "Thank You Mud."

IF YOU GO

What: Young Audiences of Abilene/Abilene Public Library Series presents children's singer Joe McDermott

When: 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday

Where: Upstairs auditorium of the Abilene Public Library, 202 Cedar St.

Admission: Free

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